

AN ALBINO MANIOLA JURTINA L. AND OTHER CURIOSITIES.

— On July 14th 1979, I noticed a conspicuously pale female Meadow Brown flying on a down near Magpie Bottom, West Kent. On netting it I found it to be a freshly emerged albino, and was particularly struck by its overall paleness, so different from the pathological examples with irregular pale patches that one frequently sees in this species. At the same place that afternoon, I was astonished at seeing a *Maniola jurtina* apparently *in cop.* with an *Aphantopus hyperantus* L., the pair being carried by the latter in flight, but on closer inspection observed that both were males! I placed the pair in a box, and an hour later they were still joined, but separated shortly after when I released them. I also noticed there on that date, a *Pyrgus malvae* L. in perfect condition, presumably either a very late example or one of a second generation. — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

THE ORANGE-TIP IN MIDLOTHIAN. — A male Orange-tip (*Anthocharis cardamines* L.) was seen by my daughter Miss M. J. Long on 13th May 1979. It was flying near the R. Esk between Whitecraig and Inveresk near Musselburgh (VC 83, Grid ref. NT 345713). An attempt was made to photograph it but it proved too camera shy and disappeared over a hedge. — A. G. LONG, Deputy Curator, Hancock Museum, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A GYNANDROMORPH OF SATURNIA PAVONIA L.: THE EMPEROR MOTH. — On 8th June 1978 a small colony of larvae of this species was discovered feeding on hawthorn scrub, growing on Bison Hill, near Whipsnade, Bedfordshire. I collected twelve and continued feeding them on hawthorn until they pupated in early August 1978.

Four moths emerged on the 7th May 1979, but on the 8th May there emerged a splendid example of a gynandromorph. This was split half and half down its abdomen, the left side being completely female and the right side completely male. As I believe this is a most unusual occurrence, a number of photographs were taken before the specimen was set. — V. W. ARNOLD (Moth Recorder for the Bedfordshire Natural History Society), 96 St. Augustine Avenue, Luton, Beds. [Although there is a number of halved gynandromorphs of this species on record as having occurred abroad, only two other examples appear to have been seen in Britain, and one is without data. Tutt (*Br. Lep.*, 3: 311) refers to one with left side ♀, right side ♂, recorded by Douglas (in *Proc. ent. Soc. Lond.*, 3rd. ser., i, p. xi); and another (also left side ♀, right side ♂) bred from Lincoln and recorded by Mason (in *Proc. ent. Soc. Lond.*, 1888, p. xv). The latter specimen is evidently that finely depicted in colour in Barrett, *Lep. Br. Isles*, 3, plt. 98, fig. 1b. — J.M.C-H.]

BLAIR'S SHOULDER-KNOT (LITHOPHANE LEAUTIERI BOISD.). This has now reached Northamptonshire, a specimen taken at light at Ecton on the 14.x.1978 by Mr. A. Fountain was indenti-